

**THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re the Application of: Takaaki AMANO, et al.  
Filed: Concurrently herewith  
For: ADVERTISEMENT SUPPLYING SYSTEM  
Serial No.: Concurrently herewith

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Assistant Commissioner of Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

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Prior to the issuance of an Office Action, please amend the application as follows:

**IN THE CLAIMS**

7. (Amended) An advertisement supplying system as claimed in claim 1 wherein:  
a sort of point degree which can be displayed is previously determined; and  
the display point degree determined by said display point degree determining  
means is selected from the sort of point degrees which can be displayed.

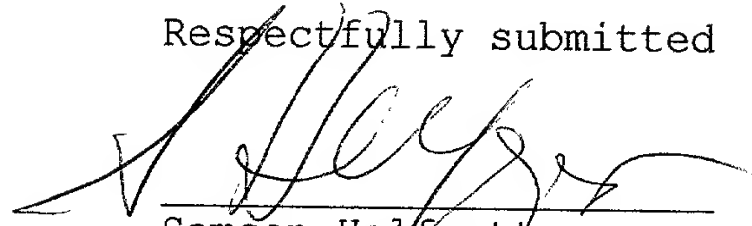
**REMARKS**

Attached hereto is a marked-up version of the changes made to the claims by the current amendment. The attached page is captioned **"Version with markings to show changes made."**

This amendment is being submitted to avoid multiple dependent claims.

Favorable consideration is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted



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IN THE CLAIMS

7. (Amended) An advertisement supplying system as claimed in ~~any one of~~ claims 1 ~~to 6~~ wherein:

a sort of point degree which can be displayed is previously determined;

and

the display point degree determined by said display point degree determining means is selected from the sort of point degrees which can be displayed.